

The Petersburg Fire Department, as a service to our citizens, is proud to utilize the *Knox Box Rapid Entry System*. If your new home or business utilizes an automated fire alarm system, then city ordinance requires that this system be installed. Regardless of the status of an alarm system though, this means of fire department entry will save your property, provide fire department access, and prevent property damage in the event of an emergency.



Key Secure system



Typical Knox Box

If the department receives a call for a fire alarm at your business, traditionally we only had two options. Either wait several minutes for the alarm company to notify a key holder and have them arrive at the scene, or gain access by prying open your door or busting out a window. While firefighters are waiting for a key holder to arrive, a smoldering trash can or sparking fuse box could turn into a raging fire, that may not be seen from outside the structure until it is too late. Or, an activated sprinkler system may be flooding your office or valuable files.

The fire department maintains a secure master key that opens all Knox Boxes in the coverage area. A KeySecure system is used whereby each firefighter receives their own access code that records when the key is removed and who removed it. The Fire Department's key opens your Knox Box that is located at your home or business which contains a set of keys to your building. After unlocking your doors, the department may search your structure for the source of the alarm with no damage or time delays. While we are all used to false alarms, but we never know when a true emergency will occur.

The Knox company provides a complete line of products including Knox Boxes for all types of building construction. They also offer pad-locks and other secure devices that allow the department access to your gated secure properties. For an order authorization form, you may call Petersburg City Hall at 812-354-8511. More information is also available at www.knoxbox.com

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